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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION WITH RCE

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 18, 2005 in the above-identified application, Applicant responds as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.